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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	Michael H. Spritzer, et al.	)
Serial No:	09/841,058	) Art Unit
Filed:	April 23, 2001	) 1724
For:	PROCESS FOR HYDROTHERMAL TREATMENT OF MATERIALS	)
Examiner:	Peter A. Hruskoci	)
Attorney Docket:	11156.81	)

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### PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated July 18, 2002, with a response date of October 18, 2002 be extended for one (1) month until November 18, 2002.

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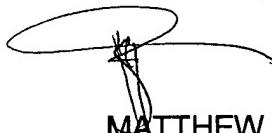
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Check No. 15875 in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 14-1519. Triplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

DATED this 18th day of November, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

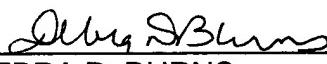


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